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SUBJECT: MANY WESTERN SUDANESE ARRESTED

1. GOVERNMENT STATEMENTS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE JULY 2-3 COUP ATTEMPT HAVE BEGUN TO INCLUDE WARNINGS ABOUT NEW PLOTTING AGAINST THE STATE. THUS BOTH PRESIDENT NIMEIRI AND FIRST VP BAGHIR SPOKE ON JULY 10 OF CONSPIRATORIAL PLANS AFFOT TO LAUNCH ADDITIONAL ATTEMPTS TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT, AND BOTH CITED THE WESTERN SUDAN AS THE HOTBED OF DISSIDENT ACTIVITY. BAGHIR ANNOUNED THE ARREST OF 216 INDIVIUDALS IN THE WEST WHO SUBSEQUENTLY CONFESSED TO HAVING BEEN TRAINED IN ANSAR CAMPS IN ETHIOPIA. WE UNDERSTAND THE ARRESTS WERE MADE ON JULY 9 IN THE KUTUM AREA, NORTHEAST OF THE NORTH DARFUR CAPITAL OF EL FASHER. ALSO UNDERSTAND COMBAT-EQUIPPED TROOPS SEEN LOADING ABOARD BOEING 737 AT KHARTOUM AIRPORT JULY 7 WERE DESTINED FOR EL FASHER.

2. MEANWHILE, IT IS REPORTED THAT GROUP OF WESTERN DEPUTIES CALLED ON PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY LEADER HALIM

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JULY 11 TO REGISTER THEIR LOYALTY AND THAT OF THE

WESTERN MASSES.

3. NIMEIRI CONTINUED HIS ROUND OF "PEP RALLIES" IN KHARTOUM AREA JULY 11 WITH VISITS TO POLICE AND SECURITY HEADQUARTERS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CAPITAL. NIMEIRI ASSURED HIS LISTENERS, ACCORDING TO SUNA, THAT HE WILL "ARRANGE TO PROVIDE THE SECURITY FORCES WITH ALL THE EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR THEM TO CARRY OUT THEIR NOBLE TASKS". PRESIDENT THEN REVEALED TOTAL OF 700 REBELS HAD BEEN KILLED AND 300 UNDER ARREST.

4. COMMENT: WHILE NIMEIRI ET AL ARE IDENTIFYING THE WEST AS THE LOCALE OF RENEWED ACTIVITY, THEY ARE AVOIDING LABELING WESTERNERS AS THE CULPRITS. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS NO SECRET THAT, NOW AS IN SEPTEMBER 1975, WESTERNERS ARE HIGHLY SUSPECT AND WILL BE CAREFULLY AND CONTINUOUSLY WATCHED BY SECURITY FORCES. BREWER

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